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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL SERVICE

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk
South Carolina Public Service Commission
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Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Application of Melrose Point Utility, Inc. for Approval of an Adjustment
in Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Services
Docket No. 2005-74-W/S, ELS File No. 1035-10311

Dear Mr. Terreni:

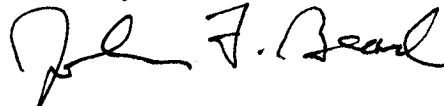
Enclosed is the original and ten (10) copies of the **Petition to Intervene** for filing on behalf of Melrose Property Owners Association, Inc. in the above-referenced docket. By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record in this proceeding and enclose my certificate of service to that effect.

Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this letter enclosed, and returning it in the enclosed envelope. ✓

If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,

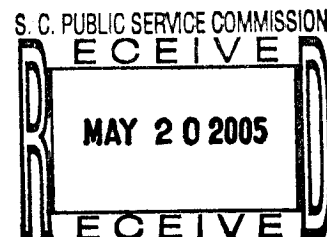


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cc: Mr. Mitch Evans
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all parties of record

Enclosures



DOCKET NO. 2005-74-W/C

Application of Melrose Point Utility, Inc. for a Approval of an Adjustment in Rates and Charges for Water and Wastewater Services

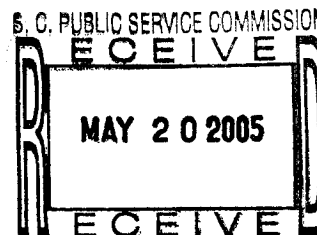
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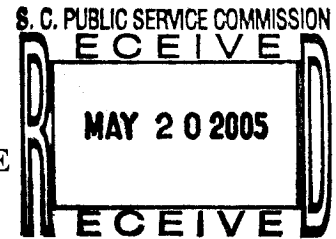
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BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2005-34-W/S

IN RE:)
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Application of Melrose Utility)
Company, Inc. for Approval of an) **PETITION TO INTERVENE**
Adjustment in Rates and Charges for)
Water and Sewer Services)
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Melrose Property Owners Association, Inc. ("MPOA") hereby petitions the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") pursuant to Rule 103-836 of its Rules of Practice and Procedure, to be allowed to intervene as a formal party of record in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of this Petition, Petitioner would show as follows:

1. On March 24, 2005, Melrose Utility Company, Inc. ("MUC") filed an Application for Approval of an adjustment in rates and charges for water and sewer services. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-5-210 *et. seq.*, R 103-514.4, 103-712.4 and R103-834. According to the Application, the Company provides general utility services on Daufuskie Island, Beaufort County, South Carolina. Within its service area, the Company provides water supply and distribution service and sewer collection and treatment services to residential and commercial customers. In addition, the Company provides water service for landscaping and golf course irrigation. The Company's service area includes those parts of Daufuskie Island bounded by New River, Morgan Creek, Ramshorn Creek Cooper River

Intracoastal Waterway, and the Calibogue Sound. The subdivisions or tracts included in the Company's service area are Bloody Point, Oak Ridge Tract, Melrose, Haig Point, and Webb Tract. The Applicant stated in the Application that the filing was necessary because the Company experienced a net operating loss for the 12 months ending November 30, 2004. The Application also stated that despite the Company's efforts to manage and operate its utility systems efficiently, the existing rates and charges produce insufficient operating revenue to permit the Company to maintain its financial integrity to enable it to continue to provide an adequate and reasonable quality of service to its customers, to meet its operating expenses and to attract the necessary capital to enable it to finance the improvements necessary to meet regulatory standards.

2. MPOA is an association whose members include Dafuskie Island property owners and residents. Many of the MPOA members are utility customers of MUC.

3. The Commission issued a Notice of Filing in this matter on April 19, 2005, assigning Docket No. 2005-74-W/S and noting that a public hearing will be scheduled on August 25, 2005. That Notice of Filing set a deadline for intervention in this docket of May 19, 2005.

4. The Petitioner has a vital interest in this proceeding. At this time, MPOA does not possess sufficient information to form a position in this proceeding. Participation in this Docket will allow Petitioner to obtain the information necessary to establish that position.

5. MPOA seeks to participate in this proceeding in order to more fully establish its position and in order to assist in addressing the important issues raised. Petitioner should therefore be permitted to intervene in this proceeding in order to participate fully and present testimony and other evidence as appropriate.

6. Petitioner's authorized representatives in this proceeding are:

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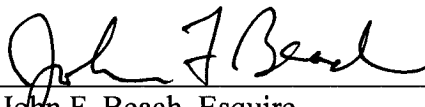
7. Petitioner requests that it be allowed to intervene in the above-captioned matter, that it be permitted to participate fully as a party of record, to present testimony, cross-examine witnesses, and assert whatever position it deems to be appropriate.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays for the following relief:

- a. That the Commission accept this Petition to Intervene and make Petitioner a party of record;
- b. That the Commission allow Petitioner to participate fully in this proceeding and take such positions as it deems advisable; and
- c. For such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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